Mutts themselves and of the disciples thereof, it might become necessary for the Government to insist on certain conditions at the time of restoration of the properties so that past irregularities, if any, might not repeat. But merely because Government took the power it should not be supposed that they would go on exercising that power in each and every case.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY said that it was the duty of Government to safeguard the interests of the *Mutts* and protect their properties. In this view he supported the amendment.

The general principles of the Bill were put to vote and passed.

The House then adjourned for the day to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, 3rd June 1936.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock, the Vice-President (*Rajamantrapravina* S. P. Rajagopalachari) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—
(*contd.*).

Sri Tirumale Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Magadi.

Q.—6. **Messrs. H. GANGAPPA** and **M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY** (Magadi Taluk); **V. VENKATAPPA** and **T. MADIAH GOWDA** (Channapatna Taluk); **Patel VEERE GOWDA** (Dodballapur Taluk); **S. KARIAPPA** and **G. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA** (Kankanhalli Taluk); **R. RANGAIAH** (Channapatna Municipality); **Patel GANGIAH** and **S. T. MALLASETTAPPA** (Nelamangala Taluk); **B. M. MUNISAMAPPA** (Bangalore Taluk); **R. DASAPPA** (Devanhalli Taluk); **S. SHARABHANNA** and **Nilgiri G. SANJEEVAIAH** (Anekal Taluk); **M. SIDDE GOWDA** and **K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR** (Special Interests); **A. M. VENKATASAMIAH** (Closepet Municipality) and **VEERASANJEEVA GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether several petitions have not been received from the public regarding the irregularities committed by the Convener of the Committee of *Dharmadarsis* of Sri Tirumale Venkataramanaswamy temple at Magadi since the constitution of the new Committee;

(*b*) how have the Government disposed of such petitions;

(*c*) have they been disposed of after enquiring from the public and ascertaining the truth thereof;

(*d*) have the Government received a complaint from one of the *Dharmadarsis* that the Convener has not utilised the temple funds in a proper manner?

A.—**The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) Two petitions were received from Mr. Dakshina Murthi, one of the *Dharmadarsis* of the temple.

(*b*) The Sub-Division Officer held an enquiry into the matter and set right the irregularities.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to question (*a*).

Mr. H. GANGAPPA.—What were the irregularities referred to in answer (*b*)?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The chief complaint was that lumpsum amounts were drawn for piecemeal expenditure. Instructions have been given that this should not be done in future but only as much money as is actually necessary drawn.

Mr. H. GANGAPPA.—When did the Sub-Division Officer set right the irregularities?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—I cannot give the exact date. But a meeting was held, the *Dharmadarsis* were asked to follow the procedure referred to, and that was agreed to by them.

Mr. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—With reference to the reply of Government that two petitions were received from Mr. Dakshina Murthi, may I ask whether no one else had petitioned?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Others might have petitioned but Government are aware of only those two.

Mr. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—Are Government certain that the Sub-Division Officer has set right matters? The Sub-Division Officer's inquiry has not yet been completed.

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—We shall make enquiries again.

Mr. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—Is it not a fact that the Convener has leased out the temple lands for a period of 5 years? What was his authority for doing so?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—We shall inquire into that question also.

Mr. Shroff RANGASAMI SETTY.—Did not a deputation of the devotees wait on the Muzrai Commissioner and complain that the Convener was acting against *mamool* in several respects and that he was not fit for the post?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Government are not aware of it.

Mr. Shroff RANGASAMI SETTY.—Why was the former Parpathegar removed and on what authority was a new substitute on a very much higher pay (Rs. 15) appointed?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—That was considered necessary.

Sri Mallikarjunaswami Temple at Muduktore.

Q.—7. **Messrs. Patel SIDDE GOWDA and N. VEERARAJ URS** (T.-Narasipur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) whether it is a fact that there are *Golakas* during the *Rathothsavam* in the *Sri Mallikarjunaswami* Temple at Muduktore, T.-Narsipur Taluk;

(ii) if so, in how many places;

(iii) whether the *Golakas* are the property of Government or of the *Archak*;

(iv) whether this is auctioned or disposed of otherwise by any one;

(v) what is the annual collection under this head;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Government are recovering 3 pies on each cocoanut offered; what is the income realised under this item and how long since is this in vogue;

(*c*) whether such collection is being made in all the Muzrai temples;

(*d*) whether it is binding that even after payment of three pies per cocoanut the *Archak* should be given either three pies on every cocoanut or one of the halves of the cocoanut offered;

(*e*) what was the income and expenditure of the above temple during the *Jatras* in 1934-35;

(*f*) whether the *Dharmadarsis* are consulted in the matter of the items of expenditure during the *Jatras*; if so, is it prior to or after the expenditure is incurred?

A.—**The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) In two places, one at the Swami *Sannidhi* and the other at the Ammanavara *Sannidhi*.

(iii) The realisations go for the benefit of *Thammadies* as per *mamool*.

(iv) No.

(v) Government have no information.

(*b*) Yes. The income realised from this item during the year 1934-35 was Rs. 152-5-0 and in 1935-36 it was Rs. 217-0-9. The fees have been in force since 1934-35.

(*c*) The levy is sanctioned in all cases where the resources of the institution require to be augmented.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Income Rs. 3,627-5-0. Expenditure Rs. 824-6-9.

(*f*) No. The expenditure being almost the same every year, it is stated that bills are scrutinised and sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. N. VEERARAJ URS.—Why should a levy of 3 pies on each cocoanut be made?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—It is levied usually in all big temples and is intended for supplementing their income.

Mr. N. VEERARAJ URS.—Have any repairs to the temple been effected with the money so far received?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—There should be sufficient collection before money can be spent on works.